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Memorandum

To: Manager, Fire Management Program Center

From: Associate Director, Park Operations and Education

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Subject: Limited Delegation of Authority

As the National Park Service (NPS) Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO), and pursuant to the interagency agreement and policy on the investigation of serious wildland fire related accidents, I am hereby delegating you authority for the following.

Upon initial notification of a serious wildland fire-related accident involving NPS personnel and/or lands, you will:

- Immediately appoint and authorize an Accident Investigation Team Leader and a Safety and Health Manager. These appointments should have concurrence of the Chief, Risk Management Division. In Co-Lead Investigations, these appointments must also have concurrence of the other involved bureaus.
- Ensure that the Team Leader and Safety and Health Manager are promptly dispatched, and that resources and procedures are in place to do so.
- Notify myself and the Chief, Risk Management Division, of actions taken as soon as possible.

I will retain all other responsibilities of the bureau DASO, as outlined in the interagency policy and 485 Departmental Manual.